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# Sahara? It's In Hanna

## Dusty Strip Prompts Complaints

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HANNA, Duchesne County—  
It's dust from dusk to dusk, so  
help me Hannah!

Residents of this tiny community in northwestern Duchesne County have had it. They want the Utah State Department of Highways to finish their project on Utah Highway 35 and move elsewhere.

A water truck sprinkles the worst places every day but that



# Hanna Road Beats Dust

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HANNA, Duchesne County — Just three years ago a dust pall rising from State Road 35 was a source of great irritation to local residents — in more ways than one.

Now a wide paved highway is completed and the dust problem has disappeared.

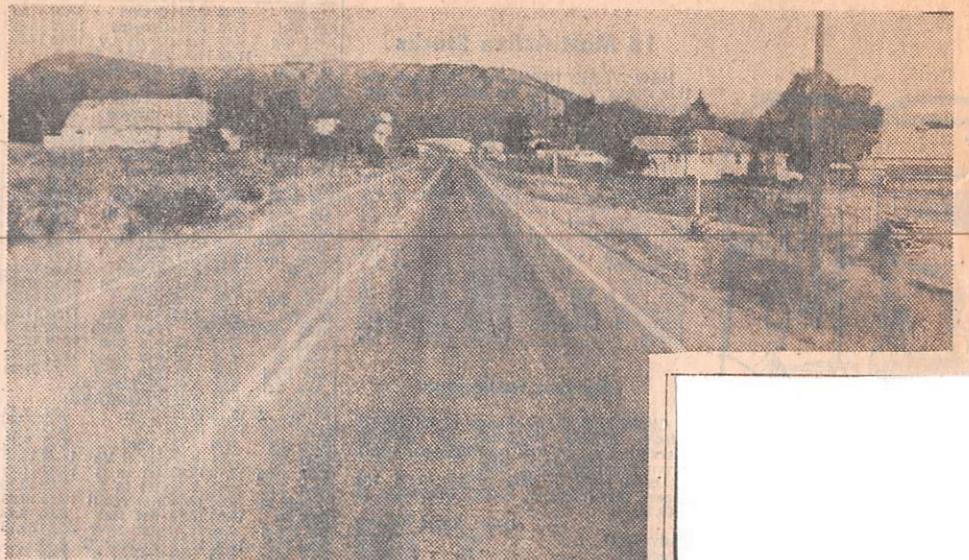
The new road links Tabiona and Hanna to a point near the Stockmore Ranger Station at the north fork bridge of the Duchesne River.

Gov. Calvin L. Rampton promised the Tabiona-Hanna delegations in 1965 that the road would be improved and maintained so that area residents would not be marooned by the snow in the winter and the mud in the spring. He made the commitment when he paid his "county visit" four years ago.

The construction was done in three contracts, through the Tabiona-Hanna area. One contract was through Tabiona, from the junction of SR 208 (Golden Stairs) and SR 35, then the segment from Tabiona, realigned to just beyond Hanna, and the section from Hanna to near the North Fork bridge.

The final segment cost \$310,000, including the grading, draining, bituminous road-mix surfacing, fencing, etc., states the project engineer, Thomas F. Law, Duchesne.

James Reed Construction Co., Salt Lake City, completed the project this summer after having started it in June, 1968.



Once it was dust, now it's a beautiful highway into Hanna.

Three years ago the people of Hanna became so dust-coated from the deer-hunting traffic that a sprinkler truck had to spread water right in the business district. Dust was said to have been a contributing factor in causing a fatal motor vehicle accident farther up the road toward Wolf Creek Pass, as a deer hunter's vehicle left the road when passing another vehicle on this dusty road.

This stretch of SR 35 is now a pleasure to drive. However, the connecting sections of this highway from the Bluebench Junction of SR 87, six miles north of Duchesne, to the junction of SR 208 and SR 35, are still unimproved for a distance of 21 miles.

From a mile below the North Fork bridge, over Wolf Creek Pass, westerly to Woodland, the road winds 18 miles and is used as a part-of-the-year route from the Wasatch Front communities to the Uinta Basin. It is actually a scenic short-cut to the Tabiona-Hanna area.

The section of SR 35 from north of Duchesne, up the Duchesne River to the oiled road below Tabiona, is getting the attention as the next construction priority from local leaders. However, Duchesne County Commissioner Ray Thomas, who lives on this route, said he had been informed that further improvement of this route is not programmed until 1975.